



CDC Guidelines for Large-Scale Influenza Vaccination Clinic Planning:

Guidelines for the Tiered Use of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine to Be Used Only in the Event of a Vaccine Shortage

Provisional Recommendations for the Tiered Use of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine^{*}

During periods of inactivated influenza vaccine shortfall or imbalances in supply and demand, vaccination is prioritized on the basis of risk for serious influenza-associated complications. ACIP and CDC recommend the use of vaccination priority groups only in the event of vaccine supply disruptions. To help providers develop contingency plans should a general shortfall occur, ACIP determined the following priority groups, ranked in three tiers, on the basis of influenza-associated mortality, hospitalization, and emergency department and outpatient visits.[†]

Tier Priority group[‡]

- 1A**
- Persons aged ≥ 65 years with comorbid conditions
 - Residents of long-term care facilities
- 1B**
- Persons aged 2-64 years with comorbid conditions
 - Persons aged ≥ 65 years without comorbid conditions
 - Children aged 6-23 months
 - Pregnant women
- 1C**
- Children aged 24-59 months
 - Health-care personnel
 - Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children < 6 months
- 2**
- Household contacts of children and adults at increased for influenza-related complications
 - Healthy persons aged 50-64 years
- 3**
- Persons aged 5-49 years without high-risk conditions

^{*} At present, ACIP and CDC do not recommend prioritization of inactivated influenza vaccine.

[†] Estimates of influenza vaccination target population sizes and recent vaccine uptake levels available at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/pdf/targetpopchart.pdf>.

[‡] Certain persons might be included in more than one priority group; prioritization during a shortage would be based on the highest priority group for which a person qualifies. Announcement of a need for prioritization will be made promptly upon receipt of information indicating a potential disruption to the vaccine supply, if necessary. If a shortfall occurs, the priority group tiers may need to be modified. Current recommendations for the use of influenza vaccine (see

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<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr55e628a1.htm>) include information regarding the timing of vaccination in the event of a shortfall.

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